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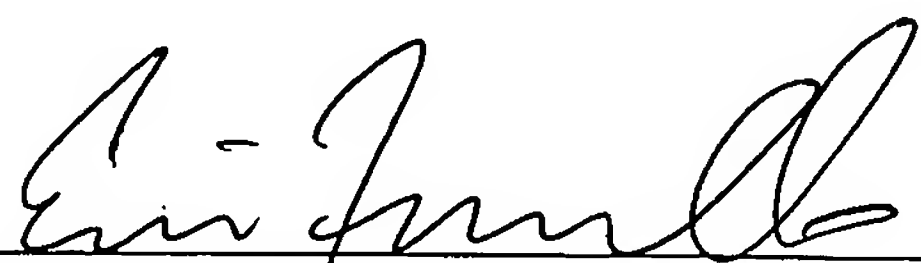
Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 1-17 to delete multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee. Applicants have also amended the claims to delete reference characters. The present invention is not limited to any particular embodiment shown in the drawings or described in the specification. Applicants have further amended the claims to bring them more in line with typical U.S. format. Additionally, Applicants have amended the specification to add cross-reference to the priority application and delete reference to the claims. Furthermore, Applicants submit herewith on a separate sheet an abstract of the disclosure.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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